



COMPLIANCE LETTER

For Local Education Agencies (LEAs) Serving Kindergarten

To Support Implementation of D.C. Code § 38-2264

Achieving Competency in Structured Literacy Instruction

September 2026

Dear State Superintendent Dr. Mitchell,

The following correspondence is to provide an update regarding the implementation of [D.C. Code § 38-2264. Achieving competency in structured literacy instruction](#). In accordance with the legislation, please find information below for [REDACTED] for the compliance cycle closing Oct. 30, 2026.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS STRUCTURED LITERACY COMPETENCY

Per the D.C. Code, all teachers assigned to teach kindergarten in the 2025-26 school year are required to demonstrate competency in structured literacy by Oct. 31, 2026, through one of the following three pathways.

1. Completion of an Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)-[approved structured literacy training](#)
2. Receipt of passing score on OSSE's [structured literacy competency assessment](#)
3. Prior completion of an OSSE [approved structured literacy training](#) or receipt of a passing score on OSSE's [structured literacy competency assessment](#) prior to the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

Total number of teachers assigned to teach kindergarten during the 2025-26 school year. [REDACTED]

Total number of teachers assigned to teach kindergarten who demonstrated structured literacy competency. [REDACTED]

Based on the information above, I certify that my LEA is:

In Compliance: All teachers assigned to teach kindergarten demonstrated competency in structured literacy through one of the three pathways identified above.	☐
Not in Compliance: One or more teachers assigned to teach kindergarten did not demonstrate competency in structured literacy.	☐
Not in Compliance (In progress): One or more teachers assigned to teach kindergarten did not demonstrate competency in structured literacy but are in progress of completing an approved training.	☐

Name of LEA: [REDACTED] will cure the deficiency by doing the following:

Take OSSE's Structured Literacy Competency Assessment and receive a passing score Anticipated Date of Completion [REDACTED]	☐
Complete an approved structured literacy training Name of Training [REDACTED] Anticipated Date of Completion [REDACTED]	☐

Please complete the pathways to competency information below.

This information is being collected to help OSSE tailor its support and resources ahead of the 2027 compliance cycle.

Pathways to Competency		
1	Approximate number of teachers assigned to teach kindergarten who demonstrated competency through the completion of an OSSE-approved training. Provide number in text box to the right. Name of Approved Structured Literacy Training (if multiple, please list all): _____	
2	Approximate number of teachers assigned to teach kindergarten at this who demonstrated competency through receiving a passing score on the OSSE's structured literacy competency assessment: Praxis 7002 (143 or higher). Provide number in text box to the right.	
3	Approximate number of teachers assigned to teach kindergarten at this who demonstrated competency through the prior completion of an OSSE approved training or receiving a passing score on the structured literacy competency assessment prior to the start of the 2025-26 school year. Provide number in the text box to the right. Name of Approved Structured Literacy Training (if multiple, please list all): _____	

SIGNATURE

Name of LEA Representative: _____

Signature of LEA Representative: _____

Date: _____